

261—23.14(15) Disaster recovery fund. The disaster recovery fund is reserved for communities impacted by natural disasters when a supplemental disaster appropriation is made under the community development block grant program. Funds are available to repair damage and to prevent future threat to public health, safety or welfare that is directly related to the disaster for which HUD supplemental funds have been allocated to the state.

23.14(1) Application procedure. Communities in need of disaster recovery funds shall submit a written request to IDEED, Community Development Division, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. The request shall include a description of the community's problem, the amount of funding requested, projected use of funds, the amount of local funds to be provided and the percent of low- and moderate-income persons benefiting from the project.

23.14(2) Application review. Upon receipt of a request, IDEED, in consultation with appropriate federal, state and local agencies, shall make a determination of whether the community and project are eligible for funding and notify the applicant community of its determination. A project shall be considered eligible only if it meets all of the following criteria:

1. A threat must exist to health, safety or community welfare that requires immediate action.
2. The threat must be a result of a natural disaster receiving a presidential declaration for which IDEED received a supplemental HUD appropriation.
3. No known alternative project or action would be more feasible than the proposed project.
4. Sufficient other local, state or federal funds (including the CDBG competitive program) either are not available or cannot be obtained in the time frame required.

23.14(3) Compliance with federal and state regulation. A community receiving funds under the disaster recovery fund shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to the CDBG competitive program, except those waived by HUD as a result of federal action in conjunction with the disaster recovery initiative and those not required by federal law that IDEED may choose to waive. IDEED shall make available a list of all applicable federal regulations and disaster-related waivers granted by Congress and relevant federal agencies to all applicants for assistance.